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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1981

INFO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SUVA PRIORITY

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 116752

TAGS: N/A

SUBJECT: FRI

REF: STATE 142325

1. ACTING POL COUNS CALLED ON QUAI AMERICAN AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR ST. LEGIER JULY 20 TO ASK FOR FACTS CONCERNING
BOARDING AND APPARENT TAKING POSSESSION OF US-REGISTERED
VESSEL FRI BY FRENCH NAVAL VESSEL ON HIGH SEAS IN SOUTH
PACIFIC. ACTING POL COUNS EXPRESSED USG CONCERN ABOUT
WELFARE OF PERSONS ON BOARD AND STATUS OF THE VESSEL,
COMMENTING THAT RADIO CONTACT HAS BEEN LOST WITH THE FRI.
WE ALSO ASKED WHETHER FRENCH HAD TAKEN ANY ACTIONS BEYOND
THOSE OF A NORMAL APPROACH AND IDENTIFICATION OPERATION.

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2. ST. LEGIER INDICATED HE HAD RECEIVED ONLY "MINIMAL" INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FRI. HE PRODUCED A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM FRENCH EMBASSY WELLINGTON INDICATING SIMPLY THAT FRI HAD BEEN ESCORTED TO "ISLAND" OUT OF DANGER ZONE. ST. LEGIER SAID HE HAD BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS HAD TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN FRENCH SAILORS AND CREW OF THE FRI. HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY PRECISE ISLAND WHERE FRI PRESENTLY LOCATED BEYOND FACT THAT IT WAS NO DOUBT IN "IMMENSE TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO." ST. LEGIER TELEPHONED QUAI SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE TO INQUIRE WHETHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN PARIS CONCERNING THE FRI, BUT ANSWER WAS NEGATIVE. ST. LEGIER ASSURED US THAT IF AND WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, HE WILL BRING IT TO OUR ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

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